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In re Application of)

David HUNG)

Serial No. 09/912,499)

Group Art Unit: 3763

Filed: July 26, 2001)

Examiner: K. L. Assadi

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR)
DIAGNOSIS OF PRECANCER)
AND CANCER IN BREAST MILK)
DUCTS)

Atty. Dkt. No.: 005284.00096

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Box AF
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A device for collecting breast duct fluid from within a breast duct in order to detect breast cancer or precancer comprising:

a probe having a diameter sized to penetrate a breast duct and a distal portion being capable of contacting an interior lumen of a breast duct and retrieving a sample of the breast duct fluid from within the duct for analysis, and wherein said probe is free of an opening through

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